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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB FROM ANDERSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT: NEWSWEEK COVER ON INDOCHINA

1. BRUCE VAN VOORST HAS ASKED ME TO PASS TO SECRETARY  
FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FOR WHICH HE HOPES TO GET WRITTEN  
OR ORAL ON-THE-RECORD ANSWERS: BEGIN QUOTE.

(A) ISN'T IS SORT OF BIZARRE THAT THE  
DENOUEMENT COMES WHEN HE IS 4,000 MILES FROM WASHINGTON?  
SHOULDN'T HE BE BACK THERE, DOING WHATEVER IS POSSIBLE  
FOR AN ISSUE IN WHICH HE HAD SUCH A PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT?

(B) ISNT THERE ANYTHING HE CAN REALLY DO? WITH  
CONGRESS? WITH THE BIG POWERS CONCERNED?

(C) WAS THE U.S. CONCULTED IN THE DECISION TO  
WITHDRAW FROM THE HIGHLANDS -- WHY WAS THE DECISION MADE,  
HOW SERIOUS WAS THE THREAT?

(D) IS THIS IN FACT THE BEGINNING OF THE END  
FOR VIETNAM?

(E) REALIZE THIS IS TOUCHY, BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE  
IN WASHINGTON SUGGEST HE IS STAYING AWAY, WASHING HIS  
HANDS OF THE MESS, IN ORDER TO DUMP THE BLAME ON CONGRESS,  
AND WANTS TO SEVER HIS PERSONAL CONNECTION. IT IS A  
QUESTION WHICH AHS TO BE MET HEAD-ON.

(F) FINALLY, WE NEED SOMETHING ON THE RECORD  
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ABOUT THE GLOBAL IMPLICATIONS OF THIS, HIS FEELING THAT

FOREIGN POLICY-MAKING IS STYMIED BECAUSE OF A LACK OF  
AWARENESS OF THE IMPLICATIONS, AND A PARALYSIS IN CONGRESS.  
END QUOTE.

2. BEFORE PASSING REQUEST TO SECRETARY (HOPEFULLY)  
TONIGHT IN ASWAN BECAUSE OF NEWSWEEK DEADLINE), WOULD  
APPRECIATE POINTS YOU COVERED WITH PHIL COOK AND ANY  
RECOMMENDATIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE FOR SECRETARY.  
KISSINGER

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